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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the listed U.S. Patent documents are not enclosed.

For an explanation of the relevance of the non-English document JP-9093392, the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English abstract.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following pending, but not yet published, U.S. application:

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A copy of the cited application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,



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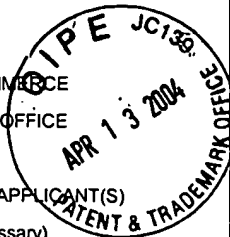
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	2003-0043410	03/06/03	Fukawa et al.	358	2.1	08/05/02
	10/792,735		Makino et al.			03/05/04

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
9093392	04/04/97	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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